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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954

July 1955

To the Chairman & Councillors of the
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and vital statistics of the Winslow Rural District for the year 1954, together with the report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor on the sanitary circumstances, and work of the Sanitary Inspectors throughout the area.

Mr. D. Keen succeeded to the post vacated by Mr. Shipp and commenced his duties as Additional Sanitary Inspector on February 1st.

The total number of infectious diseases notified during this year was much less than last year. This was largely due to the diminution in the number of measles and scarlet fever cases notified. There was one case of poliomyelitis notified, a child aged four. The case was treated in hospital and recovered though with some residual paralysis in the upper limbs.

There were no infectious cases of the enteric group notified, and no food poisoning cases, nor was there any case of diphtheria notified in the district.

During the year there were four slaughterhouses licensed and the transition of slaughtering from Central Government Control was smoothly accomplished.

It is pleasing to note the increased number of properties which are being served by mains water and sewerage throughout the area, and that a further disposal works has been completed during the year. The Council has wisely agreed to Improvement Grants on certain properties, giving modern facilities and additions and thereby increasing the rateable value.

It is a pleasure to record my thanks to the Council for their helpful guidance and co-operation. Also to the members of the Staff, particularly the members of the health department for their admirable work throughout the year.

I am,

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1954.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts, M.B. Ch.B.
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Barrister at Law.

Medical Officer under Poor Law
Acts

Dr. P.F. Rudd.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor

Mr. N.J. Shipp, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector

Mr. D.A. Keen, C.R.S.I.

Public Health Clerks

Miss F.V. Verrall.

Mr. P. Taylour. (To Feb. '54).

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1954

		<u>1953</u>			<u>1954</u>		
		<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	Legitimate	102	51	51	124	56	68
	Illegitimate	8	5	3	5	3	2
<u>Still Births</u>	Legitimate	3	-	3	-	-	-

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	14.6	16.88
Birth Rate (corrected)	16.5	19.07
Total (live & still) Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	15.0	16.88
Birth Rate for England & Wales	15.5	15.2

	<u>1953</u>			<u>1954</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths	133	65	68	106	48	58

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	17.6	13.87
Standardised Death Rate	13.0	10.12
Death Rate for England & Wales	11.4	11.3

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	<u>1953</u>			<u>1954</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-	4	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
<u>All infants</u> per 1,000 live births	-	31.00
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	-	32.26
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-

<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</u>	<u>1953</u>			<u>1954</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-	3	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	36420
Population	7640
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1954 (according to Rate Book)	2525
Rateable Value (31st December 1954)	£33590
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1954)	£127 - 4 - 8

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 36 cases were reported none of which were removed to hospital.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during 1954

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
Measles	201	5
Pneumonia	3	2
Whooping Cough	12	21
Scarlet Fever	29	7
Poliomyelitis		1
<u>Tuberculosis (Respiratory) New Cases</u>		2
<u>Food Poisoning Outbreaks</u>		
Total number of outbreaks		NIL.
Number of cases		NIL.
Number of deaths		NIL.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS

Tuberculosis, other	1.
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2.
" " lung, bronchus	3.
" " uterus	-
Other Malignant & Lymphatic neoplasms	15.
Diabetes	1.
Vascular lesions of nervous system	14.
Coronary diseases angina	7.
Hypertension with heart disease	2.
Other heart disease	29.
Other circulatory disease	1.
Influenza	-
Pneumonia	4.
Bronchitis	5.
Other diseases of respiratory system	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2.
Gastritis and diarrhoea	1.
Nephritis & nephrosia	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1.
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	15.
Congenital Malformations	1.
Motor Vehicle accidents	1.
All other accidents	1.
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Hospitals

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, or one of the Isolation Hospitals in the Oxford Group.

These three hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to the Stoke Mandeville or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to the Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Five ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding districts. Included in this number is a sitting case ambulance.

Maternity & Child Welfare

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow, and a Mobile Welfare Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority as defined by the National Health Service Act 1946, administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SECTION 47 (1) Removal of persons in need of Care and Attention

It was not necessary to remove any case to hospital under this Act during the year.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1954.

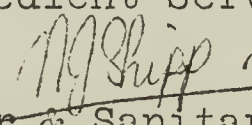
During the year good progress has been maintained in dealing with the unfit property in the district and this together with improvements to various properties has resulted in a general betterment of the standard of accommodation throughout the area.

In July we were again faced with the inspection of meat after a lapse of about fifteen years. Four slaughterhouses have been licensed and I am happy to say that we are maintaining a 100% inspection service.

I would once again like to express my appreciation for the continued co-operation offered by all members of the staff, and for the consideration and help given by the various Committees and the Council in dealing with matters concerning this Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,


Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

COMMITTEE CONCERNED WITH MATTERS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health and Planning Committee.

WATER SUPPLIES

The following new connections to the Bucks Water Board mains have been reported during 1954.

Drayton Parslow	4.	Nash	2.
Dunton	-	Newton Longville	27.
East Claydon	-	North Marston	14.
Granborough	1.	Shenley Brook End	1.
Great Horwood	1.	Stewkley	11.
Hoggeston	-	Swanbourne	-
Hogshaw	-	Tattenhoe	-
Little Horwood	-	Whaddon	-
Mursley	1.	Winslow	9.

I am indebted to the Bucks Water Board for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the area has been at all times satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity.
2. Raw water is sampled at approximately monthly intervals. All reports have been satisfactory.
3. Samples of the water from the distributing mains serving this district are taken monthly. All have been satisfactory.
4. Chemical Samples are taken quarterly at the source. All satisfactory.
5. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Particulars of water supply are shown parochially as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Dwelling Houses on Main</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>	<u>No. of Stand Pipes</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>
Drayton Parslow	98.	348.	5.	18.
Dunton	17.	52.	3.	11.
East Claydon	78.	325.	4.	10.
Granborough	68.	232.	4.	12.
Great Horwood	148.	514.	18.	36.
Hoggeston	16.	52.	2.	5.
Hogshaw	10.	32.	-	-
Little Horwood	63.	251.	8.	22.
Mursley	90.	342.	9.	39.
Nash	62.	225.	3.	6.
Newton Longville	179.	615.	11.	37.
North Marston	147.	495.	2.	5.
Shenley Brook End	47.	174.	2.	6.
Stewkley	254.	672.	10.	43.
Swanbourne	77.	77.	-	-
Tattenhoe	3.	13.	-	-
Whaddon	75.	290.	7.	25.
Winslow	423.	1550	20.	68.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

During the year a further small disposal works has been completed at Whaddon. This takes all the waste from the ten Council Houses in Stock Lane. The completion of this scheme means that all Council houses in the district now have a water-borne system for the disposal of their waste effluent.

Of the parishes which have no proper sewerage scheme Granborough has proved the most difficult with which to deal. During the year there have been numerous blockages etc. on very old drains which run through various parts of the parish and eventually discharge

into open ditches. These matters are difficult to deal with and the remedial action taken can only be regarded as of a temporary nature until such time as the new scheme is completed.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS

Routine inspections of all butcher's shops and shops selling or preparing food have been carried out. As from July 1st 1954 food slaughterhouses were licensed, three of which carry out regular slaughtering. Eight premises in the district used for the manufacture of sausages are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs

Unfit food condemned during the year amounted to approximately 965lbs. and was made up as follows:-

Tinned Fruit	-	28lbs.	} Approx.
" Meat	-	24lbs.	
Meat	-	509lbs.	
Meat Offal	-	404lbs.	

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle, excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	83	23	8	435	163
Number inspected	83	23	8	435	163
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	3	-	7	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	13.25	13.04	-	1.84	3.62
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u> Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	9	2	-	-	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	10.84	13.04	-	-	2.45

ICE CREAM

There are no premises in the district where ice cream is manufactured. Twenty retailers are registered, all of whom sell well known brands of pre-packed ice-cream. Routine inspection has shown no cause for complaint.

PREPARATION OF FOOD

Routine inspection of premises used for the preparation of food, chiefly small cafes and hotels has shown a generally satisfactory standard.

BYELAWS (Food & Drugs Act, 1938 Sec.15)

These byelaws are being satisfactorily complied with and so far it has not been found necessary to undertake any action other than of an informal nature.

FOOD POISONING

No cases have been notified during 1954.

MILK & DAIRIES

Retail dairies are the subject of routine inspection. Eight premises are registered in the district.

Only two complaints were received regarding dirty bottles and milk containing suspected foreign matter. Both were satisfactorily dealt with.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL

The service continues to operate satisfactorily despite the all too frequent staff changes. Generally speaking very few complaints are received from the general public.

HOUSING

During the year good progress continued to be made in dealing with demolition class property and in getting minor repairs executed.

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| (1) | The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation | 3. |
| (2) | The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 15. |
| (3) | The number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders | 11. |
| (4) | The number of notices served requiring the execution of works | NIL. |
| (5) | The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices | NIL. |
| (6) | The number of demolition or closing orders made | 1. |
| (7) | The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. | 2. |
| (8) | The number of houses demolished | 9. |

Improvement Grants

During the year six applications for grant were made. Of these four were granted, one was withdrawn and the other refused.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7.	15.	NIL.	NIL.
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	13.	18.	NIL.	NIL.
TOTAL	20.	33.	NIL.	NIL.

Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		<u>Pros.</u>
			<u>To H.M. Insp.</u>	<u>By H.M. Insp</u>	
Want of cleanliness	3	3	NIL.		NIL.

No. of Outworkers

Wearing Apparel (Making etc) 1.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1954.

Housing	356.
Water Supplies	24.
Milk & Dairies	19.
Sewers & Drains	153.
Refuse Tips (including salvage)	52.
Nuisances abated	33.
Inspections re Sanitary Accommodation	26.
Bakehouses	8.
W.C. Conversions	36.
Infectious Disease Visits	14.